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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassina records 3/21/79
Referrals - abuse of by both FBI and CIA
"national security" claims, misuse of
need for references in historical cases

As the enclosed referral slip from #105-82555, Section 217, Serial 5193 shows there was a referral to the CIA. My recollection of the date is about 7/77, or about 20 months ago. There were numerous such referrals. I recall no action by either the CIA, which is stonewalling its own JFK assassination releases, or by the FBI.

Only because the non-secret material is of interest to a student who is using my files am I able to correlate for you that the withholding is allegedly to protect an alleged source, a faker named Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte, sometimes spelled Alvaredo

What the CIA and FBI have combined to attempt to protect here is an unscrupulous young man who tried to start World War III over the JFK assassination by a fake any experienced intelligence person should have seen through immediately and any person of normal sophistication would have doubted on first hearing.

Instead, the CIA Mexico City Station sought to further Alvaredo's objectives, sending the fabrication directly to the White House and State (U. Alexis Johnson.) I have been interested in this fabrication for years for this reason.

Although the name was well known the spookeries combined to con the Church committee into believing otherwise. As I recall the identity is hidden by the initial "p" in the subcommittee's report. This, of course, made the Congress look ridiculous, a not unheard of spook objective.

There are other such fabrications where for a reason not immediately apparent in its reasonableness efforts continue to withhold the names. As I recall your 1/12/79 testimony in C.A. 75-1996, fakers are not automatically entitled to the exemption's protection.

Also attached is a Not Recorded Serial from FBIHQ 62-109090. On it is noted the fact that the original is filed in 105-82555-5450, or the records referred to the never-acting CIA.

How disclosure in the 62 file justifies withholding under the guise of referral in the 105 file is not immediately apparent to me.

The note makes clear that the underlying information was not exclusively the CIA's but was the result of joint CIA-FBI work. In fact, it states that the FBI (quite needlessly) cleansed and condensed the material. These are among the reasons I appeal the withholding under the guise of referral, because referral was unnecessary and not justified. Because of the conning of both the Commission and the Church committee I believe both versions should be provided, in the interest of history as well as a record of abuse of FOIA by the FBI and CIA. I believe also that the earlier withholdings should be replaced. There was no excuse for withholding the name from so many records and making unnecessary confusion thereby.